

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Lee for his careful review of this application. Reconsideration of the present application in light of the above-amendments to the claims and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the present communication, claim 7 has been amended, claim 20 has been cancelled and claims 17, 19 and 21-30 presented in their original or previously presented form. Thus, claims 7, 17, 19 and 21-30 are pending and under active prosecution in the present application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

With respect to the Examiner's question regarding the IDSs, and whether these were inadvertently filed, Applicants state that the references submitted are intended to be considered in this case. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each of the references previously submitted.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Skaer and McKeon

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 7 as allegedly being anticipated by Skaer (U.S. 5,273,075; hereinafter "Skaer") or McKeon (U.S. 4,949,745; hereinafter "McKeon)) for at least the following reasons.

To anticipate a claim, the prior art reference must disclose every element of the claim. Neither Skaer nor McKeon recite every element of claim 7 as presently presented. Specifically, neither Skaer nor McKeon disclose detecting the operating pressure of the injected fluidic materials. Because neither reference discloses detecting the operating pressures of the injected fluid material, neither Skaer nor McKeon

anticipate claim 7, as currently presented. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Szarka

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 7, 17, 19-30 as allegedly being anticipated by Szarka (U.S. 4,627,488; hereinafter "Szarka") for at least the following reasons.

Szarka does not disclose all of the elements presently claimed in independent claims 7 and 30. Specifically, with respect to claim 7, Szarka does not disclose detecting the operating pressure of the injected fluidic materials. The passage cited in the Office Action (col. 16, lines 56-68) merely states that second external seal means are included which prevent the flow of treatment fluid downward between the housing and the liner string. The cited reference passage is completely void of a "detecting" step, as is the rest of the reference. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Similarly, claim 30 is allowable for the reasons noted above with respect to the Szarka reference and claim 7. In addition, claim 30 is allowable because Szarka does not disclose preventing debris from entering the annular chamber, nor does it disclose permitting fluids to be conveyed if the operating pressure is greater than 500-3000 psi. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 30 is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, claims 19, 21 and 28, depending from claim 7, in addition to being allowable as depending from an allowable base claim, are allowable for at least the reasons noted above with respect to claim 30.

Withdrawal of the rejections of claim 7, 17, 19, 21-30 is respectfully requested.

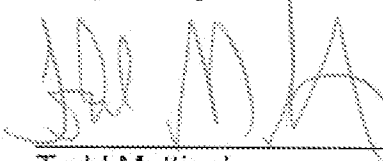
CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2007. Applicants have made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of the application by submitting arguments in support of the patentability of claims 7, 17, 19, and 21-30. Applicants have not acquiesced to any rejection and reserves the right to address the patentability of any additional claim features in the future. In view of the above, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 7, 17, 19, and 21-30 is respectfully requested.

As the three-month statutory period for reply expires on July 10, 2007, this Response is therefore considered timely filed and no fees are believed to be due. However, should the Commissioner deem any fees as being due, including any fees for any extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit said fees from, or to credit any overpayments to, USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3786, Reference No. 14147.105076.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at the number listed below if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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